ARKANSAS HOG AND PIG REPORT

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This report contains the results from the quarterly Hog Survey conducted during the first half of September 2004. Approximately 60 hog operations in Arkansas and 9,650 in the U.S. were surveyed to collect hog information for the reference date of September 1. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at http://www.usda.gov/nass/. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interviews for the survey.

SEPTEMBER 1 HOG INVENTORY UP 14 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

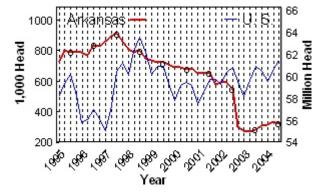
ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2004, totaled 320,000 head, up 14 percent from September 1, 2003, but down 4 percent from June 1, 2004. **Breeding hog inventory**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged; market hog inventory, at 240,000 head, was up 20 percent from a year earlier. For the June 2004-August 2004 quarter, the pig crop totaled 404,000 head, up 14 percent from the same quarter in 2003.

Sows farrowed during the third quarter was 43,000 head, up 16 percent, and represented 54 percent of the breeding herd. Arkansas hog producers intend to have 43,000 sows farrow during the next September-November 2004 quarter, 23 percent above the actual farrowings for this period in 2003. The average number of **pigs saved per litter** for the quarter was 9.40 head, down from 9.60 head during the same period in 2003.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2004 HOG INVENTORY, WITH COMPARISONS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

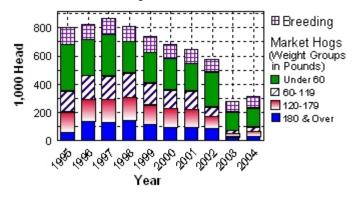
	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
Class and Weight group	Sep. 2003	Jun. 2004	Sep. 2004	% Chg. Sep. 2003-2004	Sep. 2003	Jun. 2004	Sep. 2004	% Chg. Sep. 2003-2004
		1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent
All Hogs and Pigs	280	335	320	+ 14	60,859	60,503	61,384	+ 1
Breeding	80	85	80	0	5,918	5,928	5,983	+ 1
Market	200	250	240	+ 20	54,941	54,574	55,400	+ 1
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Groups:								
Under 60 pounds	110	145	140	+ 27	20,368	20,333	20,540	+ 1
60-119 Pounds	35	40	35	0	13,729	13,251	13,644	-1
120-179 Pounds	30	30	35	+ 17	11,334	11,277	11,236	-1
180 Pounds +	25	35	30	+ 20	9,510	9,715	9,982	+ 5

Quarterly Hog and Pig Inventory Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004



o - denotes Arkansas September 1 inventory.

Hog Inventory by Class and Weight Group Arkansas, September 1, 1995-2004

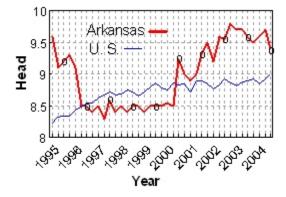


SOWS FARROWED, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP, 2003-2004, BY QUARTER AND FARROWING INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 2 QUARTERS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES				
Item/Period	2003	2004	Intent. 2005 ¹	% Chg. 03-04	2003	2004	Intent. 2005 ¹	% Chg. 03-04	
SOWS FARROWED:	1,000 Head			Percent	1,000 Head			Percent	
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	41	38	43 ¹	-7	2,769	2,827	$2,855^{1}$	+ 2	
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	36	41	-	+ 14	2,885	2,857		-1	
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	37	43	-	+ 16	2,906	2,888	-	-1	
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	35	43 ¹	-	-20	2,841	2,865 ¹	-	+ 1	
PIGS PER LITTER:		Head		Percent		Head		Percent	
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	9.70	9.60	-	-1	8.81	8.85	-	0	
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	9.70	9.70	-	0	8.88	8.93	-	+ 1	
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	9.60	9.40	-	-2	8.90	9.00	-	+ 1	
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	9.50	-	-	-	8.93	-	-	-	
PIG CROP ³ :		1,000 Head	l	Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
1 st Qtr. Dec - Feb ²	398	365	-	-8	24,399	25,021	-	+ 3	
2 nd Qtr. Mar - May	349	398	-	+ 14	25,627	25,520	-	0	
3 rd Qtr. Jun - Aug	355	404	-	+ 14	25,869	26,005	-	+ 1	
4 th Qtr. Sep - Nov	333	-	-	-	25,355	-	-	-	

Intentions. ² December preceding year. ³ Number of pigs born during the quarter that were still on hand on the first day of following quarter, or had been sold.





o - denotes Arkansas June-August Quarter.

Pig Crop, June-August Quarter Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2004

